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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

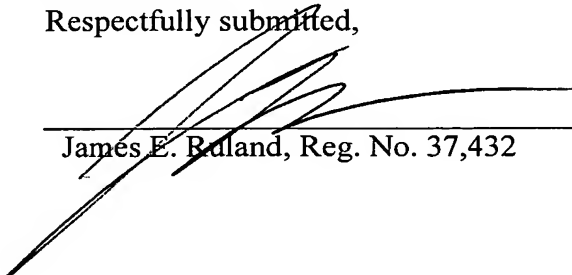
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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the Notice of Allowability mailed 8 December 2004. Regarding the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, Applicants do not necessarily acquiesce to the statements made therein. However, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are at least patentable for the reasons provided in the Reply and Interview Summary filed 2 July 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,


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